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GENERAL: For the week ending June 2, 2002, triple digit temperatures in central and southwestern counties, combined with limited precipitation, intensified the severe drought conditions in western counties, according to the USDA’s Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. The above normal temperatures boosted development of crops in eastern Nebraska and irrigated crops Statewide. Producers activities included spraying and cultivating for weed control.

This release is based on reports and data from county extension educators, FSA county directors, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center.

WEATHER: Temperatures averaged seven to eleven degrees above normals with record highs set in a number of counties. Precipitation was scattered across the State and ranged from traces to over two inches in the southeast and other isolated areas.

CROPS: **Corn** planting was virtually complete at 99 percent, slightly behind last year and average. Warmer temperatures last week improved crop development with 89 percent of the acreage emerged, behind last year’s 94 percent and the average of 93. Condition of the crop rated 3 percent very poor, 8 poor, 33 fair, 47 good, and 9 excellent, lower than last year and average.

Soybean planting progressed to 90 percent complete, ahead of last year’s 86 and average at 89. Fifty-eight percent of the crop was emerged, near 54 last year and 60 average.

Sorghum planting reached 66 percent complete but lagged behind last year at 70 and average at 76. Emergence was noted

on 27 percent of the acreage, behind last year at 41 and average at 44 percent.

Wheat condition declined again last week and rated 31 percent very poor, 31 poor, 26 fair, 10 good and 2 excellent, well below last year and average. Statewide, 67 percent had headed, ahead of last year’s 57 percent and behind average at 71. A few fields have begun to show color along the southern districts.

Oat fields were 11 percent headed, behind last year and average. Condition was rated 9 percent very poor, 14 poor, 29 fair, 43 good, and 5 excellent.

Dry bean planting progressed to 43 percent complete, ahead of 29 last year and 35 average. Fourteen percent of the crop was emerged, ahead of last year’s 6 and average of 9.

Proso millet was being planted in dry soils with 22 percent seeded to date.

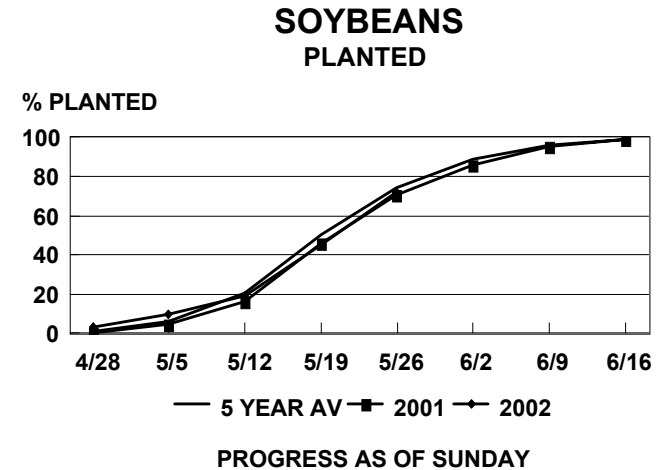
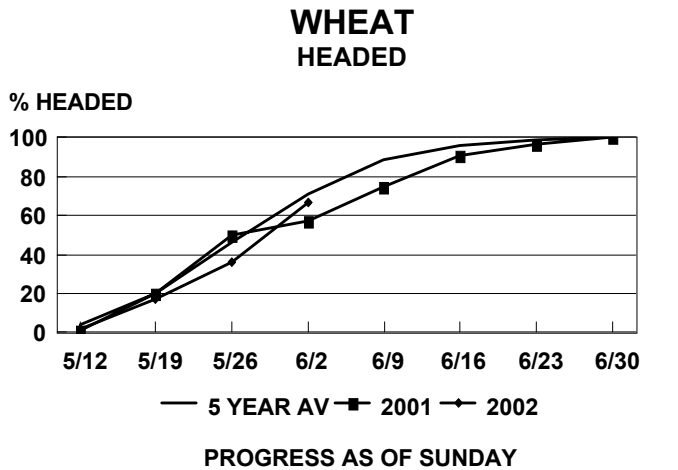
Alfalfa condition declined and rated 5 percent very poor, 16 poor, 36 fair, 37 good, and 6 excellent. Statewide, 40 percent had been cut by week’s end, behind the 46 percent last year but ahead of 37 average.

LIVESTOCK: **Pasture and range** conditions continued below average and rated 18 percent very poor, 20 poor, 33 fair, 28 good, and 1 excellent. Poorest conditions continued in the Panhandle and Southwest districts, where over three-fourths of the pastures were in poor or very poor condition. Timely rains and warmer temperatures remain a necessity to obtain good grass growth. Some supplemental feeding has been occurring.

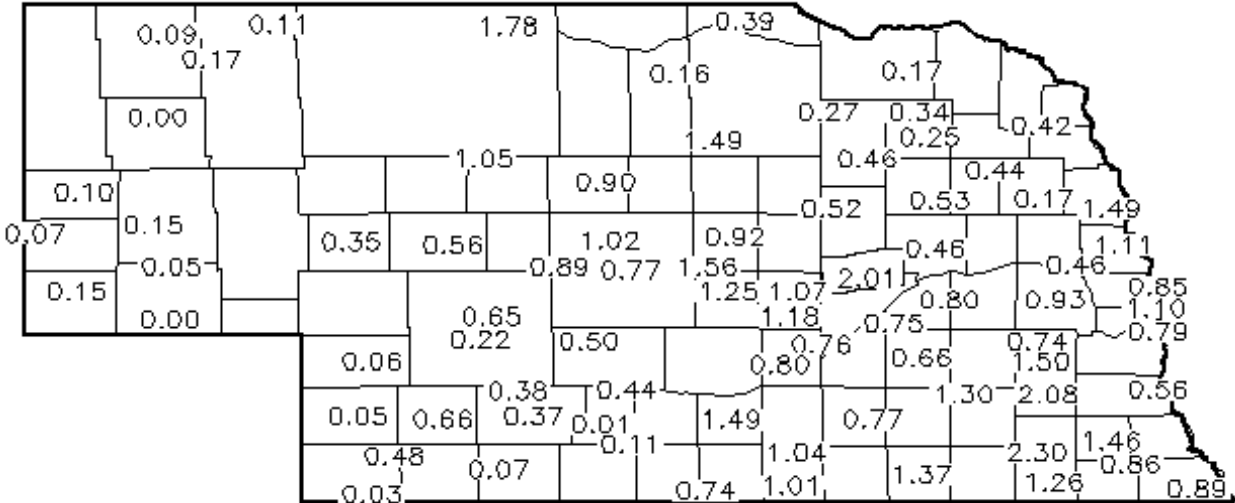
Progress and Conditions: By District, Nebraska, as of June 2, 2002

Item	Agricultural Statistics Districts								State	Last Week	Last Year	Average
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Planted	100	100	100	100	99	98	100	100	99	97	100	100
% Corn Emerged	71	88	85	97	93	79	97	94	89	71	94	93
% Soybeans Planted	¹	90	88	99	89	78	96	87	90	72	86	89
% Soybeans Emerged	¹	56	39	70	62	47	72	68	58	25	54	60
% Sorghum Planted	46	83	71	36	91	80	75	57	66	45	70	76
% Sorghum Emerged	5	25	30	6	30	33	29	27	27	9	41	44
% Wheat Headed	52	57	31	24	52	73	87	85	67	36	57	71
% Alfalfa 1 st Cutting	4	33	54	35	37	29	50	51	40	11	46	37
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.9	5.6	6.1	5.3	4.6	6.9	6.3	3.5	5.6	5.4	3.8	4.1
Topsoil Moisture - % Very short	66	11	13	11	1	73	27	0	28	23	0	6
- % Short	17	21	49	48	9	22	20	9	24	23	14	15
- % Adequate	17	68	38	41	85	5	53	89	47	49	81	71
- % Surplus	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	2	1	5	5	8
Subsoil Moisture - % Very Short	59	10	12	28	11	71	35	5	30	27	2	8
- % Short	24	28	40	59	31	26	38	13	31	39	17	16
- % Adequate	17	62	48	13	56	3	27	82	39	33	80	72
- % Surplus	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	4

¹ Data not available.



Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending June 2, 2002



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 - June 2, 2002

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.08	.93	.49	1.00	1.01	.14	.74	1.41
Total since April 1	1.70	4.21	5.21	4.13	7.01	2.14	4.56	8.03
Normal since April 1	4.99	5.69	6.65	6.36	7.11	5.47	6.20	7.16
Total as % of normal	33%	74%	77%	65%	98%	38%	73%	112%

Source: High Plains Climate Center data as of 8:00 a.m.

Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, June 2, 2002

Station		Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15		
		Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal
		High	Low					
NW	Alliance	95	42	69	8	130	412	437
	Scottsbluff	96	43	70	9	134	467	437
	Sidney	93	41	70	8	135	451	448
NC	Ainsworth	89	50	71	7	142	440	474
	Arthur	89	48	70	7	138	434	468
	O'Neill	93	47	72	7	149	460	497
NE	Concord	94	50	74	8	158	493	509
	Elgin	94	50	75	9	157	490	511
	West Point	95	51	76	9	163	522	543
C	Grand Island	101	50	76	10	157	536	522
	Lexington	101	53	76	11	157	546	513
	Ord	94	46	73	7	149	502	515
EC	Lincoln	95	55	77	9	175	591	574
	Central City	95	52	76	10	164	544	529
	Mead	97	53	77	9	169	578	566
SW	Champion	98	50	75	11	148	519	483
	North Platte	93	47	73	10	148	506	486
	Curtis	101	51	75	11	153	522	495
SC	Arapahoe	93	48	71	8	140	467	465
	Minden	102	53	76	10	158	540	515
	Red Cloud	100	56	78	11	169	635	529
SE	Beatrice	94	57	76	8	170	596	574
	Clay Center	96	52	75	9	160	534	527
	Nemaha	94	57	77	9	179	639	612

Source: High Plains Climate Center.